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1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO IRANIAN AND LOCAL INDIAN SOURCES, VAJPAYEE AND IRANIANS "AGREED" ON A "WAIT AND SEE" APPROACH TO NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT--THOUGH MUCH MORE PESSMISTIC UNOFFICIAL IRANIAN VIEW WAS HINTED AT. VAJPAYEE DISCUSSED MBER OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AND THE PROBLEM OF VISAS FOR NON-IMMIGRANT INDIANS WISHING TO TRAVEL TO IRAN. INDIAN PRIME MINISTER DUE TO STOP BRIEFLY IN TEHRAN JUNE 5. END SUMMARY.

2. WE HAVE NOW TALED WITH BOTH INDIAN EMBASSY AND MFA ON VISIT OF FM VAJPAYEE TO TEHRAN MAY 27-29. VISIT
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WAS ORIGINALLY TO BE SHORT TRANSIT STOP ON WAY BACK TO INDIA BUT DEVELOPED INTO LONGER STAY FOR WHICH VAJPAYEE MADE SPECIAL TRIP HERE FROM NEW DELHI. INDIANS WERE ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF BILATERAL ISSUES WITH IRAN, THEY TELL US, THOUGH WE ARE SURE CHANCE TO FEEL EACH OTHER OUT ON APPRAISAL OF EVENTS IN AFGHANISTAN WAS ANOTHER IMPORTANT REASON ON BOTH SIDES.

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3. AFGHANISTAN APPARENTLY WAS DISCUSSED MAINLY IN VAJPAYEE'S PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH AND NEITHER MFA NOR INDIAN EMBASSY KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WAS SAID. HOWEVER, MFA DEPARTMENT HEAD TOLD POLCOUNS THAT IRAN PUT FORTH ITS OFFICIAL ASSESSMENT AND ONLY HINTED AT ITS UNOFFICIAL ASSESSMENT. OFFICIALLY, IRANIANS TAKE THE POSITION THAT THEY ARE WAITING TO SEE WHAT AFGHAN GOVERNMENT WILL DO TO SUPPORT ITS PROTESTATIONS OF TRUE NON-ALIGNMENT AND LACK OF AGRESSIVE INTENTIONS TOWARD PAKISTAN OR OTHER NEIGHBORS. UNOFFICIALLY, MOST IRANIAN OBSERVERS ARE VERY PESSIMISTIC, AS OUR OTHER REPORTING HAS ABUNDANTLY INDICATED.

4. IN VAJPAYEE'S MEETING WITH FREIGN MINISTER AND MFA OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS TO A SMALL EXTENT IN HIS MEETING WITH PM AMOUZEGAR, IRANIANS BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF PUSHTUNISTAN AND BALUCHISTAN. THEY MENTIONED FM AMIN'S STATEMENT IN HAVANA AS WELL AS THE 25TH POINT OF THE 30 POINT PROGRAM ANNOUNCED BY TARAKI ON BEHALF OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN AT PHRASING WHICH SUGGESTED SOLUTION, ALBEIT PEACEFUL, WOULD BE ON THE BASIS OF "HISTORICAL BACK-GROUND" AND THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED THEM-SELVES. VAJPAYEE APPARENTLY REACTED PREDICTABLY, DOWNPLAYING ANY CAUSES FOR ALARM AND EMPHAZING CONFIDENTIAL

ASSURANCES BEING GIVEN BY NEW GOVERNMENT. MFA OFFICIALS SEE NO CHANGE IN INDIAN VIEW, WHICH THEY CONSIDER PARALLEL TO OFFICIAL IRANIAN, BUT VERY DIFFERENCT FROM GROWING UNOFFICIAL IRANIAN.

5. AS ON EXPRESSION OF THAT UNOFFICIAL VIEW, FRENCH LANGUAGE JOURNAL DE TEHERAN EDITORIALIZED MAY 28 WHILE VAJPAYEE WAS STILL HERE THAT "IT IS NO SECRET THAT IRAN WILL NOT PERMIT THE DISMEMBERMBET OF ITS PAKISTANIAN NEIGHBOR AND WILL NOT HESITATE, IF NECESSARY, TO USE ITS MILITARY POTENTIAL TO PREVENT ALL ATTEMPTS IN THAT REGARD." REFERRING TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE AMONG PAKISTAN, INDIA AND IRAN THE JOURNAL CONCLUDED THAT INDIA "HAS NO INTENTION OF JOINING," WHILE THE "IRANIAN VIEW IS THAT A DEFENSIVE POLITICAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THESE THREE POWERS WILL SUFFICE TO MAKE THE AFGHAN LEADERS THINK TWICE BEFORE BECOMING INVOLVED IN NEW ADVENTURES."

6. FOUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED ACCORDING TO ALL SOURCES. VAJPAYEE BROUGHT THE FEASIBILITY REPORT ON THE RAJESTHAN CANAL PROJECT AND

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A FOLLOW UP VISIT BY EXPERTS WILL TAKE PLACE SOON. THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF THE TWIN PROJECT INVOLVING PRODUCTION OF ALUMINA IN MYSORE AND PRODUCTION OF ALUMINUM FROM THAT IN IRAN. FEASIBILITY REPORT SCHEDULED TO BE READY BY SEPTEMBER. INDIANS ASSURED IRANIANS THAT IRON ORE PROJECT AT KUDREMUKH DUE TO GO INTO OPERATION IN 1980 IS PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE, AND THEY WISHED TO ASSURE THEMSELVES THAT AHQAZ STEEL PLANT TO USE THAT IRON ORE IS ALSO MOVING AHEAD (IT APPARENTLY IS). FINALLY, INDIANS PROPOSED EXPORTS OF CEMENT AND OR FOOD GRAINS (PRINCIPALLY WHEAT). IRANIANS EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST AND NEGOTIATIONS WILL PROBABLY PROCEED. INDIAN EMBOFF MADE IT CLEAR THAT ALL THESE PROJECTS ARE BEING PAID FOR BY IRANIAN OIL. HE CONFIDENTIAL

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ALSO TOLS US RAJESTHAN CANAL PROJECT CALLS FOR SHARING OF GRAIN PRODUCED ON FIFTY-FIFTY BASIS OVER FIRST TEN YEARS OF OPERATION.

7. PM DESAI IS SCHEDULED FOR AIRPORT TRANSIT STOP JUNE 5 ON HIS WAY TO BRUSSELS FOR STATE VISIT. IRANIANS COULD CONCEIVABLY REQUEST STOP AT PRESENT SCHEDULED TO BE OF ONE HOUR ONLY BE LENGTHENED TO ALLOW FOR AUDIENCE WITH SHAH OR OTHER DISCUSSIONS.
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